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## Preface

This bibliography is part of a paper on classroom observation systems in preparing school personnel. The compilers, J. T. Sandefur and Alex A. Bressler, have been very active in writing and research on the subject, and the Clearinghouse is pleased that they have contributed their expertise to the ERIC system.

The bibliography is a valuable source of information for those interested in observation systems and should help readers in their continuing efforts to keep abreast of this important topic.

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The authors describe the Verbal Interaction Category System (VICS).

Anderson, Harold H. "Domination and Socially Integrative Behavior," Child Behavior and Development. (Edited by J. S. Kounin and H. F. Wright.) New York City: McGraw-Hill, 1943.

This study sets forth the pioneering ideas of dominative and integrative behavior in the teacher-child relationship.

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A further explanation, with case studies, is given of dominative and integrative behavior in the classroom.

Aschner, Mary Jane, James Gallagher, and others. A System for Classifying Thought Processes in the Context of Classroom Verbal Interaction. Urbana: Institute for Research on Exceptional Children, University of Illinois, 1965.

This manual sets forth the cognitively oriented Aschner-Gallagher system of classroom observation, which focuses on the thought processes in the classroom.

Bellack, Arno, editor. Theory and Research in Teaching. New York City: Bureau of Publications, Teachers College, Columbia University, 1963.

This anthology dealing with classroom observation includes a bibliography and nine articles by Flanders, Hughes, Meux, B. O. Smith, Medley and Mitzel, and others.

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The authors analyze the linguistic behavior of the classroom and examine the different ways language is used in the classroom by utilizing a coding system.

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This article deals with five specific problems of classroom research: coverage, methods of data collection, unit of analysis, conceptual posture, and concepts used.

---, and W. J. Ellena, editor. Contemporary Research on Teacher Effectiveness. New York City: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1964.

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Cornell, F. G., G. M. Lindvall, and J. L. Saupe. An Exploration Measurement of Individualities of School and Classrooms. Urbana: Bureau of Educational Research, College of Education, University of Illinois, 1952.

This measurement helped lead to the development of the Observation Schedule and Record (OSCAR) by Medley and Mitzel.

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Flanders reviews research on classroom climate and presents a tentative hypothesis of teacher influence.

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This work is the standard for introducing and explaining Flanders basic system of interaction analysis.

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The authors review research, 1960-66.



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The teacher training method presented in this guide is used to implement Marie Hughes' work in assessing quality teaching.

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In this manual, Honigman gives instructions on how to implement MACI in classroom observation.

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Hough explains his sixteen-category observational system, an extension of the Flanders system.

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Meux, Milton O. "Studies of Learning in the School Setting." Review of Educational Research 37: 5; December 1967.

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Ryans' basic work sets forth his assessment techniques and his characteristics of teachers.

Sandefur, J. T. An Experimental Study of Professional Education for Secondary Teachers. Final Report. U.S. Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Bureau of Research Project No. 5-0763. Emporia: Kansas State Teachers College Press, July 1967. ED 022 724. EDRS Price: MF-\$0.75; HC-\$7.60.

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